

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION (FORMERLY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION) OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS YOUTH CENTER, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Wes Brinsfield (Vice Chair), Jerry Chester, Steve Hindman, Lynette Eng (Council Liaison), Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf

Special Presentation-Downtown Vision Project Update-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Green Town representative Arnold Ambiel announced the upcoming public meeting “Let’s Talk Traffic II” organized by Green Town to be held on March 14, 2018, 6:30pm at Los Altos Library.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

- November 29, 2017-revised Minutes-Upon a motion by Steve Hindman, seconded by Wes Brinsfield, the Commission approved the revised minutes of November 29, 2017, by the following vote: AYES: Five. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kriegh, Maluf. Passed 5-0
- January 24, 2018-Regular Meeting- Upon a motion by Wes Brinsfield, seconded by Steve Hindman, the Commission approved the minutes of January 24, 2018, by the following vote: AYES: Four. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Fenton. ABSENT: Kriegh, Maluf. Passed 4-0
- February 12, 2018-Special Meeting- Upon a motion by Steve Hindman, seconded by Jim Fenton, the Commission approved the minutes of February 12, 2018, by the following vote: AYES: Four. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Chester. ABSENT: Kriegh, Maluf. Passed 4-0

2. Foothill Expressway Improvement Project between El Monte and San Antonio Rd. (TS01018)

Staff introduced County staff Khoa Vo to present the design for Foothill Expressway Improvements between El Monte and San Antonio. This project proposes to add auxiliary lanes in this segment on both sides. Improvements also include adding two through lanes on westbound El Monte approach, squaring off three free right turn movements at El Monte intersection, traffic signal improvements, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, pavement resurfacing, pavement delineation, landscaping and other related improvements.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioners had questions regarding construction period impacts and measures/devices that will be used to keep traffic diverting onto local streets. Where the free right turn will remain, can other enhancements be identified to increase pedestrian safety, such as speed table at crosswalk, tight curb radius, restricting right turn on red, HAWK signal. Where project is adding two southbound right turn lanes at El Monte, commissioners commented that no right turn on red should be considered. Additionally, there were questions relating to landscaping impacts, noise impacts, lack of bicycle lanes along Foothill Expressway within the City limits.

Public Comments:

Resident Jim Wing inquired if additional pedestrian crossing safety enhancements could be added at the southbound dual right turn movements at Foothill/El Monte intersection, such as HAWK or no right turn on red at El Monte. Further added that during the afternoon peak commute, traffic might shift to next downstream intersection at Magdalena. Necessary improvements should be considered at that intersection.

Resident Chris Ober expressed concern that El Monte and San Antonio are the two most difficult intersections. He will further coordinate with City and County staff on the design plans.

Resident Peggy was concerned about the landscaping impacts with the project.

Resident Jaya Kamath expressed concern about speed and traffic volumes impacts of this project on Cuesta Street.

Discussion: Commissioners generally favored the design, and emphasized the need for additional safety enhancements at free right turn to remain at south east corner and addition of dual right turns at the north-west corner at the intersection of El Monte and Foothill Expressway. Commission would like to review the construction traffic control plan when available.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Monthly Staff Report

Staff reported on the following activities:

- February 8 – TSCN meeting: Member Fenton and staff member Bodduna attended the TSCN meeting.
- February 9 – Staff attended a public meeting organized by Montclair parent association focused on school route safety improvements at expressway crossing intersections.
- February 21 – Staff coordinated with Chair Ambiel and Council Member Eng to discuss the six suggested school route projects that came to CSC on February 12, 2018
- February 28 – Staff reminded that comments on the six suggested school route projects are due on February 28
- March 7 – Upcoming CUSD, City of Los Altos, and Sunnyvale collaborative meeting

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Member Fenton reported on the City Council Meeting on February 27, 2018

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Bike to Work Day
- Study Session with Council on March 27, 2018
- Suggested school route projects 65% design for CSC review
- Construction traffic control plan for Foothill Expressway Improvement project

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 8:48P.M.